(c) During the last one year following approvals have been given to scheduled airlines to import aircraft :—

M/s. Jet Airways:

2	B-737-800	
2	B-737-800	(replacement)

M/s. Sahara Airlines:

7	EMB-120	(turbo-prop aircraft)
4	B-737-400	(replacement)
1	B-737-700	(replacement)

(d) Compliance of safety measures/Airworthiness requirements as stipulated in the various CARs by the private scheduled operators is monitored by the DGCA. Spot checks and regular periodic surveillance are carried out on operational and maintenance aspects of these leased aircraft so that there is no let down in safety or airworthiness/operation standards at any time of operation.

Handing Over of ATC Services to Indian AIR Force

†2616. SHRI ANANTRAY DEVSHANKER DAVE : Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to refer to answer to Unstarred Question 1979 given in the Rajya Sabha on 14th March,2000 and state :

(a) whether Government have considered the proposal to hand over the management of Air Traffic services of Mumbai and Delhi Airports to the Indian Air Force; and

(b) if so, the progress made so far in this direction ?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI SHARAD YADAV) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Memorandum of Construction of International Airport At Ludhiana

†2617. SHRI DILIP SINGH JUDEV:—Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Non-Resident Indians have made a demand to construct an international airport in Ludhiana;

† Original Notice of the Question was received in Hindi.